



Central Presbyterian Church

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December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve Service

Hymn ***“Silent Night, Holy Night”***

(As “Silent Night” is being sung, members of the congregation are encouraged to move to the perimeter of the sanctuary so the ushers can bring light from the Christmas candle to them. Please bring this bulletin with you.)

**Silent Night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
‘Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy infant
so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep
in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the
sight, Glories Stream from heaven afar, Heavenly
hosts sing Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure
light, Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With
the dawn of redeeming grace; Jesus, Lord, at Thy
birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Amen**

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Opening Hymn “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” RED #104

Reading: John 1:1-18

Rodney Davis

LIGHTING OUR ADVENT WREATH

Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” RED #106

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

& lighting 1st candle (Hope)

Linda Claussen

Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” RED #103

(Verses 1, 3 & 4)

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

& lighting 2nd candle (Love)

David Drake

Hymn “Away in a Manger” RED #112

Reading: Luke 2:1-20

& lighting 3rd candle (Joy)

Camilla Long

Hymn “What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest” RED #105

Reading: Matthew 2:1-22

& lighting 4th candle (Peace)

Coleen Janssen

Special Music “Masters in This Hall” Pastor Ryan & Bethany

Devotional Thoughts

Bethany Edgecombe

Special Offering

(Christmas Joy)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)

Closing Prayer

Pastor Ryan

Closing Hymn

“Silent Night”

(Insert)

Worship Leader:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Pianist/Organist:

Emma Lou Denton

Bethany Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher:

Pat Claussen

Communion Steward:

Linda Claussen

****Please stand, if able***

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Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover